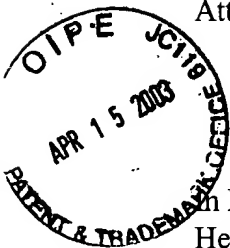


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No additional fee for the Amendment is required. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in these fees to Deposit Account No. 502062. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this
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